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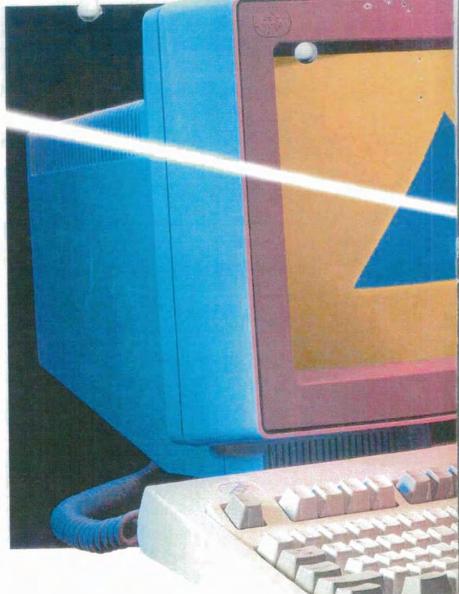
A revolutionary electronic Requisition and Inventory Management System



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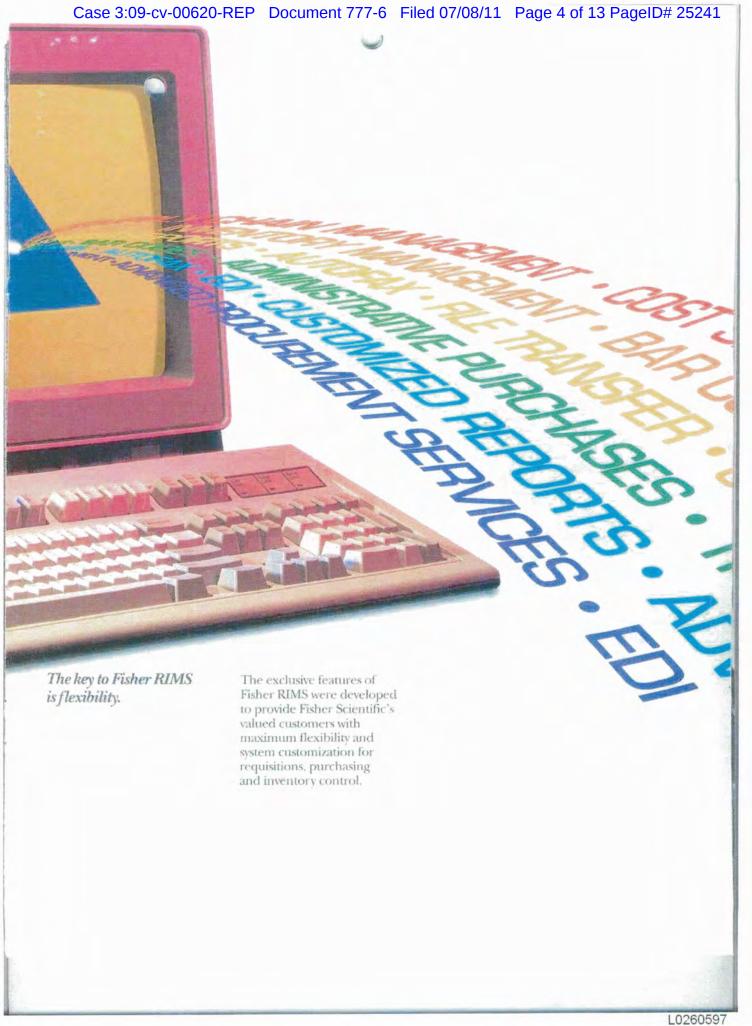
Fisher RIMS: A computerized system for managing the supply chain from its source to the laboratory bench.



In today's fast-paced laboratories, you need a

system you can depend on for both requisitions and inventory management.

A program that delivers enhanced services and lower procurement costs. One that builds on your current procedures to give you more control and easier access to the information you need. The one system that delivers all that and more is Fisher's new Requisition and Inventory Management System. Fisher RIMS.



### Requisition Management Features:

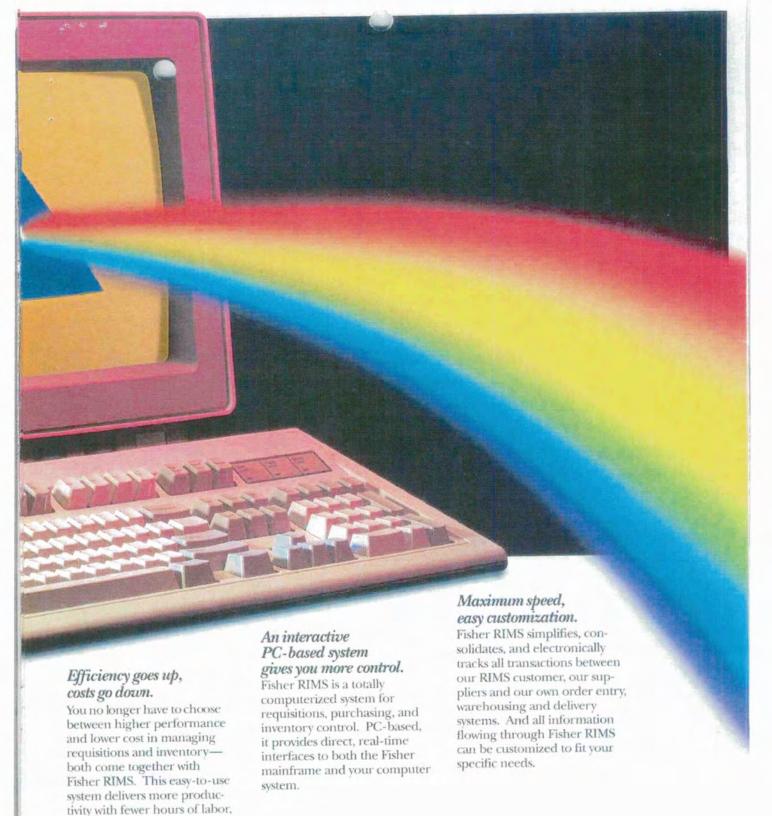
- Consolidates all supplier activity, including third-party and administrative purchases.
- Allows stocking of Fisherowned inventory on-site.
- Interfaces with all types of purchasing systems.
- Allows flexible remote requisitioning by formatted screen, telephone, fax or bar code scanning.
- Processes requisitions for on-site and remote inventory.

#### Inventory Control Features:

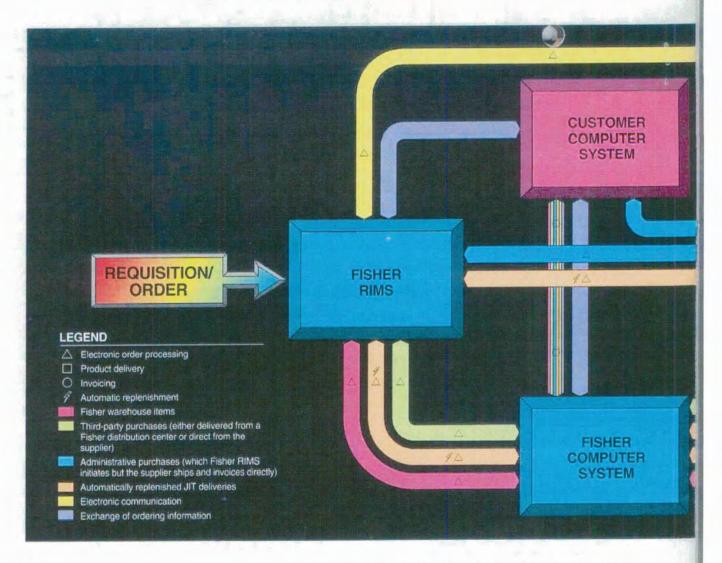
- Utilizes simple minimum reorder points.
- Connects to all on-site and JIT stockrooms.
- Cross-references your stock numbers and all supplier numbers.
- Provides ready access to all inventory data through your PC,
- Utilizes customized bar codes and labels to expedite your receiving process.
- Tracks on-site Fisher-owned and/or customer-owned inventory.

#### System Customization Features:

- Accommodates customerdefined data.
- Delivers reports customized to your requirements.
- Utilizes file transfers and EDI.
- Provides ad hoc data through a simple query language.
- Utilizes OS/2 operating system, relational database.



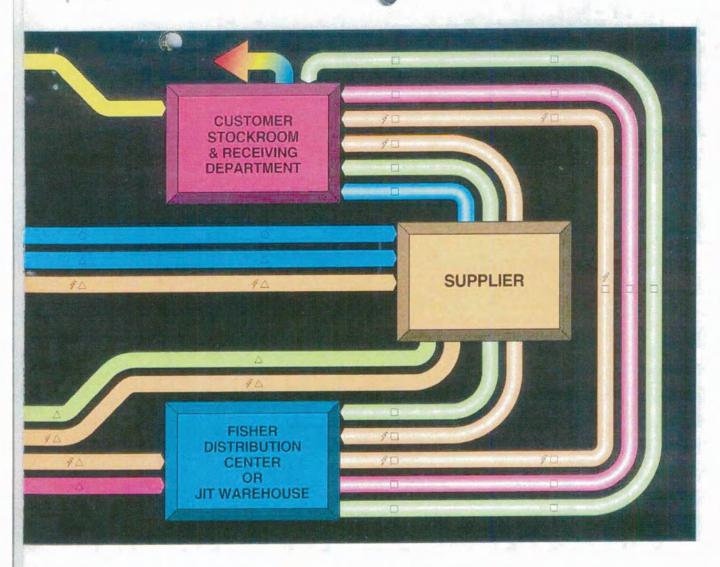
so you can free your staff for other important tasks.



A system that's easy to use, easy to track. A Fisher Customer Service Representative dedicated to your business will operate the Fisher RIMS program from a PC conveniently placed on-site at your facility or ours. Your requisition or purchase order can be entered remotely by the people in your organization who will be using the product, or your Fisher CSR can enter it directly into the Fisher RIMS PC. Either way, you'll get complete reports on every transaction.

### Direct communication with your computers.

After the price, availability, and source are obtained, your order is placed electronically. The order is then automatically translated into your purchasing format, and that data is then transferred to your computer system. This eliminates the need for duplicate data entry in your purchasing department.



# Allows you to reduce inventory and redeploy resources.

The value-added services provided by Fisher RIMS reduce your overall cost of acquisitions by letting you reduce inventory and redeploy personnel to more productive tasks.

The rounded paths on the right side of the diagram above

illustrate how products flow smoothly from the electronic orders generated by Fisher RIMS. Your order may be filled from a Fisher distribution center, a supplier's warehouse, or even your own stockroom. No matter what the source is, the delivery will be fast—and it will require no further effort from anyone on your staff.

# Dependable service, reduced inventory costs.

With Fisher RIMS, you can arrange to stock your storerooms with products that are still owned by us until you use them. This ultimate storeroom management tool reduces your inventory costs dramatically, without affecting your ability to fill product needs as they arise. The end-users in your organization expect nothing less than this high level of service, and Fisher RIMS enables you to deliver it at a lower cost.

With consignment goods, Fisher RIMS communicates directly with your storeroom to fill the requisition, then automatically replenishes the consignment stock. And you don't pay for the item until it's actually used.

#### Fisher RIMS simplifies your reports.

The flexibility of Fisher RIMS makes it easy to structure your reporting systems exactly the way you want them. This becomes another significant laborsaving feature for your staff.

### Management reports cover all suppliers.

Management reports can be customized to fit the unique needs of your purchasing department. Performance analyses on administrative purchases can, for example, be issued from Fisher RIMS, even though Fisher Scientific is not physically involved in either product delivery or invoicing on those purchases.

#### Query language, purchase orders set up in your format.

Query language and formats will also be set up to satisfy your information requirements. Standard queries include daily usage, order status, inventory status, backorders, and information by date or date range. And purchase orders to any supplier can be printed in your P.O. format and sent out from Fisher RIMS.

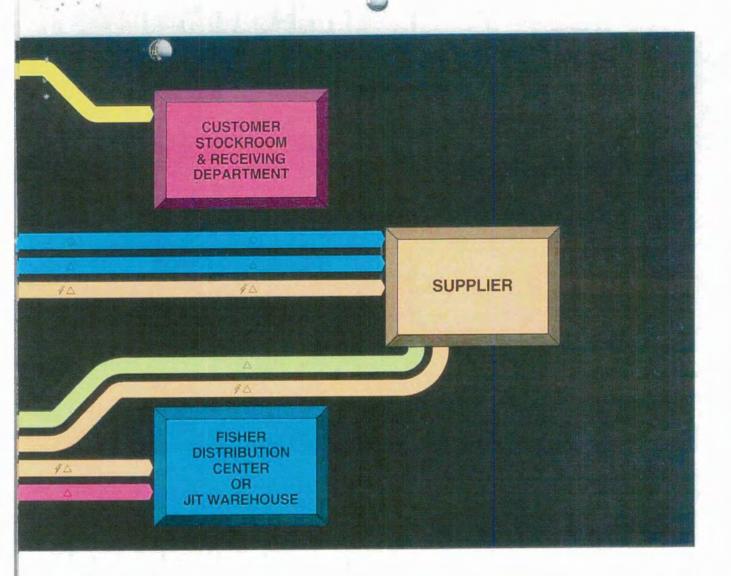
# Reports on a regular schedule, or on demand.

Reports can be generated on everything from demand/usage histories for inventory planning to performance analyses for every kind of purchase handled by Fisher RIMS. These reports can be issued on a regular schedule, or on demand.



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trate on purchasing tasks
instead of getting bogged down
in data entry. By transferring
purchase order files from RIMS
to our mainframe, our Fisher
Customer Service Representative has eliminated a lot of
keystroking for our people.
And I've been able to redeploy
them to more challenging and
rewarding tasks."



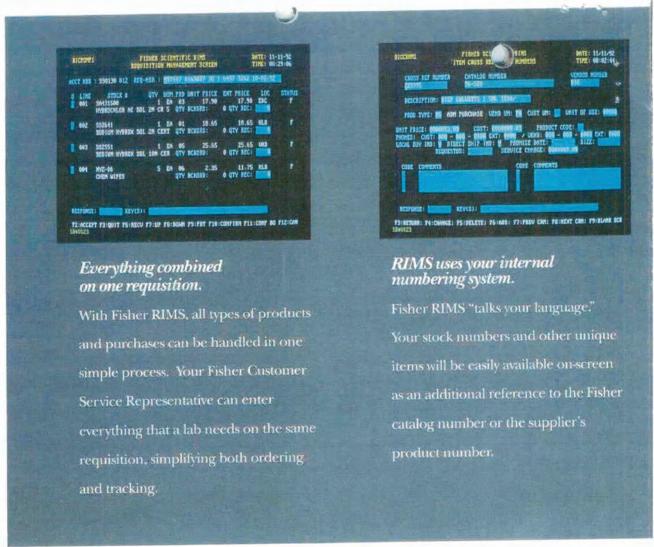
# Simplified information flow, clear audit trail.

By following the color-coded paths in the schematic diagram above, you can get a sense of how smoothly and efficiently Fisher RIMS handles purchases of various types:

- Fisher products.
- Third-party purchases delivered from a Fisher warehouse.
- Third-party purchases delivered direct.

- Administrative purchases (which Fisher RIMS initiates for the supplier to ship and invoice directly).
- Automatically replenished JIT deliveries.

The purple lines flowing from Fisher RIMS and the Fisher mainframe represent the routine uploading of ordering information to your purchasing system—your electronic trail for auditing the performance of RIMS on demand.



Better information, lower labor costs, more control. You need information to make the right decisions, but all the data in the world won't do you any good if you can't get it and make sense of it—when you need it.

With Fisher RIMS, everything your department needs is as close as a computer screen —the one operated by your dedicated, on-site Fisher Customer Service Representative. Timely, accurate reports in the formats you need.

To be efficient in purchasing and inventory management, you need accurate information. Information that's complete, ready when you need it, and in the format and media you need. Fisher RIMS delivers all that quickly and efficiently, both in standard report formats and in response to spontaneous inquiries.



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